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WAS PROFITABLE MEET

INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS HAS A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Splendid Program Interests, Leading Educators Being Among the Day's Speakers.

The Teachers' institute held at Independence last Saturday was one of the best ever held in the county. It was well attended. The professional spirit of the teacher was excellent, many teachers coming from across the county, having to start the night before in order to make the trip. All of them expressed themselves as being well pleased with the meeting, from which they derived much good. The professional teacher, and the teacher who has her work at heart, always gets much from a county institute.

The following program was carried out: Address, "Grammar," H. J. Hoekenberry of the Portland schools; address, "Industrial Work," F. H. Shepherd of the Oregon Agricultural college; address, "The Old Play Ground and the New," H. J. Hoekenberry; class demonstration, Miss Katherine Arbutnot of the Oregon Normal school; address, J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction; address, "School Gardening," Miss Alice Joyce of Portland; two vocal solos by Mrs. E. E. Paddock and Mrs. Claire Irvin of Independence.

The following teachers were present: Dallas, W. I. Ford, H. H. Dunkleberger, Mrs. Bonnie Smith; Smithfield, Miss Fay Henson, Miss Dora Hayes; Eola, Vesta Gardner; Red Prairie, Eva Schneider; Lewisville, Miss Cecile Dodd; Parker, Dora Bortner; Valley View, F. Silabee; Monmouth, Miss Armilda Doughty, Miss Alice McIntosh, Miss Katherine Arbutnot, Miss Olive Dawson, Miss Sadah Cohoon; Orchards, W. E. Buell; Airle, Miss Delilah McDaniel, Miss May Tapscott; Polk Station, Miss Norma Holman; Oak Grove, Miss Olive Porter; Perrydale, A. L. Applewhite, Miss Nellie Key, Mrs. A. L. Applewhite; Fairview, Miss Minnie Nelson; Rickreall, Mr. Fred S. Crowley; Oakpoint, Miss Carrie Dahm; Elkins, Miss Edith Witzel; Independence, Mr. C. E. Waltman, Miss E. Pearl Smith, Miss Madeline Chase, Miss Martha Calbreath, Mr. D. Chesley Bones, Mrs. Margaret Dalton, Miss Kora Browne, Miss Agnes Johnston, Miss Amanda Facklam, Miss Mable Stevens, Miss Bessie Graham, Miss Stella Robinson, Miss Frances Cooper, Mrs. George Conkey; Brush College, Miss Alameda J. Fuller, Miss Margaret Garrison; Buena Vista, Mr. R. G. Dykstra, Miss Vera Burns, Miss Helen Cook; Spring Valley, Miss Marie Vinzelberg; Popcorn, Miss Flora Grice; Suver, Miss Olive Lemke; Greenwood, Miss Jennie Schriver; Sunny Slope, A. J. Shipley; Oakdale, Mrs. Mattie Neal; Black Rock, Miss Alice E. Quint; Falls City, Mr. E. M. Haley, Miss Ina B. Graham, Miss Edith Montgomery, Miss Leta Wolverton, Miss Alice P. Pimm, Miss Pearl R. Snedeker, Miss Mary E. Whitman, Miss Leone Chapin; Cherry Grove, Miss Daphne Henderson; Oakhurst, Mrs. J. D. Moyer; Mountainview, Miss Esther Halverson; Hopville, Miss Martha Skersies, Miss Lena Skersies; Mr. L. P. Gilmore and Miss Mira Butler of the Normal school faculty. Also there were several of the students of the Normal school present and several visiting teachers from other counties. The next teachers' meeting will be held at Falls City April 10.

INSURANCE COMPANY FAILS.

Horticultural Fire Relief Petitions for a Receiver.

With apparent assets totalling \$57,719.70 and liabilities totalling \$123,914.60, the Horticultural Fire Relief of Oregon, through its president, B. J. Miles, has filed a petition in the state circuit court asking that Insurance Commissioner Wells be appointed receiver for the company. Although the petition does not ask for the appointment of commissioner as receiver of the Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance company and the Oregon Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance company, Mr. Miles authorized the state that the insurance would also handle their affairs. The Horticultural Fire Relief of Oregon had reinsured these two companies.

The proceedings were taken at the suggestion of Commissioner Wells after the books of the company had been examined by an expert accountant.

Road Will Be Established.

The county court on Wednesday decided to accept and establish the new

road recently surveyed from Bentley toward the coast to join the Tillamook county road. The road will probably be cleared and graded this year, and rocked next season. This is the highway in which Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook counties are interested, it being a short-cut to the Tillamook beach over an easier grade than at present. The state has agreed to aid, as has also the Automobile club of Portland.

More Signers Are Needed.

A petition in the form of a waiver, asking for the rocking of a portion of Uglov avenue, was before the council Monday night, but because several signatures of property owners on that thoroughfare were lacking the document was not officially read. It is probable, however, that this improvement will be made during the coming summer.

SHORT LINE SUGGESTED

RICKREALL REACHES DALLAS IN 'ROUND ABOUT WAY.

Commercial Club, at Regular Monthly Session, Discusses Matters of Public Interest.

The monthly meeting of the Commercial club Wednesday evening was well attended, and more than ordinary interest was manifested in the business coming before the body. Many matters of local import were discussed, among others being next summer's chautauqua, which is fostered by this organization; civic betterments and better rural mail and telephone conveniences. Under present conditions residents of the Rickreall neighborhood are obliged to use the Monmouth and Independence line, whereas a direct line to Dallas might be had by using a "dead line" owned by the Bell people. It had been suggested that the farmers of that section buy the wire from the Bell people at actual cost, pay ten cents per year rental for each pole employed to carry the line, the Bell company maintaining the poles and the farmers the line, and this plan appeared to be feasible to the club. The matter will be considered in the not very distant future by those who are inconvenienced by this 'round about way of reaching the county seat, and it may be that a company will be organized among the farmers to take over the line as suggested.

The committee on city and county affairs was instructed to give the Woman's club any assistance possible in its effort to clean-up and beautify the city. This work will be prosecuted by the civic department of the Woman's club, and an effort will soon be made to induce a general cleaning up of all streets, alleys and vacant lots, after which the planting of rose bushes and other shrubbery will be invited and urged. In this effort the ladies will have the support of the men's organization.

TO IMPOUND CANINES

MARSHAL CHASE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO KILL DOGS.

Ordinance Given First Reading Before Council Monday. Supplants Are Adopted in 1875.

The city council Monday night heard the reading of an ordinance providing for the impounding of dogs within the corporation limits, and the measure will doubtless be adopted when it comes up for final passage. The ordinance provides that a public pound be established, and that the marshal capture and confine therein all canines found running at large. If the owner of a dog so impounded be known it becomes the duty of the officer to notify such owner, and if the animal is not redeemed within ten days it shall be advertised. If the marshal cannot otherwise dispose of the dog he is authorized to kill it, or offer it for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand. The owner, by the provisions of the ordinance, is obliged to pay \$1 to gain the custody of an impounded dog, and twenty-five cents charges for each day the marshal has had the animal in the lock-up. In case of a sale, if more than the costs are derived therefrom the money shall go to the owner of the dog, and if not known to the auditor, who is to hold it for six months before finally turning it into the general fund.

At the present time the city has an ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large, but there is no provision for impounding them, hence the marshal has been up against a difficult proposition.

MODERNWATERSYSTEM

RURAL HOMES ENJOY SAME PRIVILEGES AS CITY FOLKS.

Guy Brothers Installing Pressure Device for Supplying Water for Several Polk Ranchers.

The installation of water pressure systems in rural homes appears to be quite the fashion these days, giving the country home the same convenience so far as water supply is concerned as the city cousin. With the coming of better highways, automobiles and the modern devices conceived for the convenience of the rural resident the city dweller has nothing on those who live in the country. Mr. W. Wynne Johnson, owner of the Sidney orchards immediately adjoining the city on the southeast, is among the latest rural residents who purposes enjoying the privilege of having a modern water system, he having this week awarded a contract to Guy Brothers. The water will be pumped into a concrete reservoir on a hill and the water brought to the house by gravity. Mr. Johnson's residence is being plumbed throughout, and high-grade fixtures will be installed.

The Guy Brothers have just completed the installation of a pressure water system for S. W. Ediger, whose place is just east of Dallas, and Henry Voth of the Salt Creek neighborhood is another who has the convenience. The latter gentleman is erecting a new fruit house, a portion of which will be occupied by the pressure water system, Guy Brothers doing the plumbing and placing the machinery. Mr. Voth is one of the prosperous farmers of the Salt Creek neighborhood, and is engaged largely in the raising of fruit. He is also a poultry fancier, and carries away numerous prizes each year from the local poultry show.

The pressure water system is one of the latest things for the betterment of country life, and promises to be more extensively used throughout this section. A tank of 525 gallons capacity, into which water is forced by a one and a half H. P. Staver gasoline engine, is used. Air is also pumped at the same time, and the water is delivered at the house under pressure the same as in the city.

CONTEST ON MONDAY

PLAY PIANO AMONG GIFTS OFFERED BY THE OBSERVER.

Every Candidate to Receive a Prize, Hence There Will Be No Disappointments.

The Observer's subscription contest, in which every contestant will be a prize winner, and which opens on Monday next, is already creating considerable interest among the ladies of Polk county, a large number of inquiries concerning it and the modus operandi having been received since the announcement was made on Tuesday. Several Dallas young ladies have signified their intention of entering the contest, but thus far only four have filed nomination blanks with the contest manager, leaving abundant opportunity for many others to compete for the valuable prizes offered. We predict that there will be dozens of ladies, both in Dallas and in the county, who will want the handsome \$650 hungalow player piano, which is offered as the capital prize, and who will enter the contest with the hope of securing it. There will, however, be no disappointed candidates, for should there be failure to land this prize there are others, including a free trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition in each of the two districts, several diamond rings, scholarships, etc., any of which are really worth the effort. No one will have to work without remuneration. These prizes will be on exhibition in Dallas within a few days, announcement of the place being made through these columns. The player piano is from the Eiler music house in Portland, and is a guaranteed instrument of the best known make, and retails anywhere at the price named in the contest advertisement printed in this issue.

As has been heretofore stated, the territory has been divided into two districts, Dallas and its rural routes comprising one and the remainder of the county the other. Aside from the grand prize, the gifts will be duplicated in these districts. One free trip to the Panama exposition, with all necessary expenses paid, will go to each district to the contestant having the highest number of votes next to the winner of the player piano. Thirteen other prizes will be distributed in the same manner. The play-

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STRAW VOTES DEFEAT

COMMERCIAL AND LA CREOLE CLUBS OPPOSE DEAL.

Council May Be Petitioned to Repeal Ordinance Providing for Submission of Question.

"Just to show which way the wind blows" the Commercial club, at a regular meeting Wednesday night with eighteen members present, took a straw vote on the question about to be presented to the people of Dallas regarding the purchase of the water plant. There was no arguments for or against the proposition, but a simple submission of the question, with the result that every member recorded a vote against the proposed buy. A similar vote was taken at the La Creole club the other evening, when of the thirty-nine members voting only three cast their ballot in favor of municipal ownership. These organizations being composed chiefly of businessmen and representative tax-paying citizens, the overwhelming opposition to the council's action in submitting the matter of buying Mr. Gates' equity in this public utility counts for something.

A prominent citizen stationed himself at the corner of Mill and Main streets yesterday afternoon and questioned thirty-two pedestrians regarding their position on the question, and of the total number interrogated he found but six who expressed the opinion that the city should possess the water system. These things, coupled with the remonstrance presented to the aldermanic body by Councilman Hayter prior to the adoption of the ordinance calling the special election, shows almost beyond a question of doubt that the measure has comparatively few supporters, among the men voters of Dallas at least.

There is some prospect that the opposition will petition the council at its next session to repeal the ordinance calling for the special election and making other necessary arrangements to issue bonds in the sum of \$52,000 for the purchase of Mr. Gates' equity in the water plant, it being believed that the proposition will be lost at the polls and that a needless expense will be incurred by carrying out the program as outlined.

GETS HIS INSTRUCTIONS

POLK TREASURER HEARS FROM STATE TAX COMMISSION.

Those Languidating Charges Before April 1 and September 1 Have No Penalty.

County Treasurer Fred J. Holman has received a communication from Chas. V. Galloway, member of the state tax commission, in which provisions for paying taxes are given. Under the new conditions, if half the taxes are paid by the last of March, no penalty will be charged on the balance until the last of September. That all may know the facts in full, the letter is published herewith:

"An act of the Twenty-eighth legislative assembly, relating to penalties and interest on the second half of taxes for the years 1913 and 1914 has the following provisions:

"Section 1. No suit, action or proceedings of any kind shall ever be commenced or prosecuted to enforce the payment or collection of any penalty or interest or any tax for the year 1913 in case the first half of such tax was paid before April 1, 1914, and the last half before October 1, 1914, nor on any tax for the year 1914 in case the first half of such tax shall have been paid before April 1, 1915, and the last half before October 1, 1915; nor in such case shall any such penalty or interest be made the basis for any delinquent certificate or tax sale or constitute a lien on any property.

"Section 2. All penalties and interest in the cases set out in Section 1 of this act which may be construed to have been incurred or to be incurred are hereby remitted and satisfied and it shall be the duty of any tax collector upon whose rolls any such penalty or interest has been or may be entered or extended in such cases to forthwith satisfy and cancel the same upon such rolls.

"Section 3. If one-half of the taxes on any property for the year 1914 shall have been paid before the first day of April, 1915, the second half of such taxes may be paid at any time before the first day of October, 1915, without any penalty or interest of any kind or amount."

"This act has been signed by the governor and will become a law on May 22, 1915. In substance it amends Section 3682 of Lord's Oregon Laws (amended by section 20 of chapter 184, laws of 1913) so that all penalties or interest on the second half of

taxes, where the first half is paid before April 1, 1915, will be canceled on May 22, 1915, and will not thereafter be collectible.

Taxpayers who pay one-half of the taxes charged against their property before April 1, 1915, may pay the second half any time from May 22 to September 20, 1915, both dates inclusive, without penalty or interest on said second half. Where one-half is paid before April 1, 1915, the second half will not become delinquent until October 1, 1915.

Taxpayers who do not pay at least one-half of the taxes charged against their property before April 1, 1915, will be subject to a penalty of one per cent for each calendar month or fraction thereof, on the entire amount unpaid, until September 1, 1915. Where one-half is not paid before April 1, 1915, the amount unpaid will become delinquent on September 1, 1915.

PICKER'S SUIT DELAYED

HEARING OF 165 PLAINTIFFS FROM HOPFIELDS IN COURT.

Prospect of Hearing More Than 200 Witnesses Means Yet Later Trial, Says Judge Morrow.

Oregonian: More than 150 hop-pickers in a motley throng crowded Circuit Judge Morrow's courtroom yesterday to hear the trial of their suit against Doreas Bros., who, they declare, promised them 20 days' work in the hopfields and failed to fulfill the contract. There are 165 plaintiffs in the suit, and each demands \$2.50 a day for 11 days. The total amount asked is \$4427.50.

The crowd was disappointed yesterday, for the case failed to come on for trial. Other court business interfered, and Judge Morrow told the hoppers they might as well go home and come back later. Strenuous efforts of Judge Morrow to get the attorneys in the case to settle some of the details out of court and avoid examination of more than 200 witnesses, who have been summoned, proved futile. The defense maintained that the case was a manufactured one, and each one of the plaintiffs, besides numerous other persons, should be called to the stand. In order to prove his case Seneca Fouts, attorney for the 165 hoppers, will have to call each one of them to the witness stand.

The complaint, which is 226 pages long, is said to be the most voluminous ever filed in the Multnomah county circuit court. The hoppers declare that they answered an advertisement of Doreas Bros. for 1000 pickers, and were told to go to various yards up the Willamette valley. The advertisements stated that there would be 20 days of picking at 50 cents a box.

The Portland Telegram, in its tidy new spring gown, is as pretty as a picture.

DALLASITES IN REUNION

PLEASANT GATHERING IS HELD IN STATE'S METROPOLIS.

Big Basket Dinner Served at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobson on Thursday.

A crowd of former Dallasites, who are now making their homes in Portland, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobson last Thursday. The ladies spent the afternoon together, the men coming at six o'clock, when a delicious basket dinner was enjoyed. The remaining part of the evening was spent in various ways. Mrs. Strayer entertained with two charming piano solos and Mrs. Hubert Goode and Mrs. C. L. Starr sang several numbers. The occasion was an enjoyable gathering of old friends. The following were present: Mrs. Robert Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Strayer, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Grindheim, Mr. and Mrs. George Karre, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Starr, Misses Sadie Lynn, Ada Offield and Mabel Irene Goode.

Hawley for President.

It is announced that Hon. C. L. Hawley of McCoy, holdover senator from the Benton-Polk joint district, is a candidate for the presidency of the senate in 1917. He is serving his second four-year term in the senate, and is considered one of the sound minds of the upper house. Mr. Hawley has a large following, and generally gets what he goes after.

BIGGEST OF THE BUNCH

COMPANY GETS PLEASING COMPLIMENT AT INSPECTION.

Captain Page of the Regular Army Says Captain Staffin's Men Are Exceptionally Well Drilled.

Captain Page, representing the war department and Colonel McLaughlin, inspected Company L last night. Capt. Page complimented Capt. Staffin on the condition of the men, saying they were as well drilled as the Portland companies. Capt. Staffin was also complimented on the size of the men, it being the biggest company physically of any in the regiment. The percentage of attendance last night was 99 per cent, only one man being absent, and he will be dropped from the roll. Sixty-five attended. The corporals drilled their squads first and then the sergeants drilled their platoons, the lieutenants following in drilling the platoons. The captain then drilled company.

This was the largest company that was assembled in the armory. A very satisfying banquet was served after inspection, in honor of the officers. The banquet was attended in uniform. The company officers are: Capt. Staffin, First Lieut. Fred Zeller, Second Lieut. H. Rich.

FIFTEEN CENTS PAID FOR HOPS

Highest Price of Year Received by Forest Grove Growers.

The hop market has gained another half cent in value. Fifteen cents was paid Tuesday by the Kola Neis Hop company for the Crabtree and Reuter lots, amounting to a carload, at Forest Grove. There is a strong demand for contracts, but Oregon growers decline to sell at the prices offered, 12 to 12½ cents. A contract for the installation of an electric plant on the hop ranch, across the river from Independence, of Seid Back has been awarded to J. H. Ralston of Albany. The contract calls for the wiring of every building on the ranch and for installation of a plant that will generate electricity, besides power to operate the dryers.

Library Report for February.

Juvenile books loaned, 537; adult books, loaned, 1015; total for month, 1555. Average daily attendance, 115; new borrowers' cards issued, 32; new books added, 66.

The following books have been taken from the rental list and placed in free circulation: Sixty-First Second, Johnson; Lighted Way, Oppenheim; Mischief Maker, Oppenheim; Mating of Lydia, Ward; Music Master, Klein; Mistress of Shesstone, Barclay; John Barleycorn, London; Rules of the Game, White; Gold, White; Call of the Carpenter, White; Woman of the Twilight, Ryan; Red Button, Irwin; Road of Living Men, Comfort; Wheel of Fortune, Tracy; Fortune of the Landrays, Kester; At the Sign of the Jack o' Lantern, Reed; Diane of the Green Van, Dalrymple; Lady and the Pirate, Hough; Light of Western Stars, Grey; Land of Long Ago, Hall.

New Prune Orchards.

H. P. Hough, who recently bought ten acres in the Willamette Valley Orchards tract near Crowley, has the ground in shape and will plant it to prunes. William Gath, who came here last June from Virginia and bought eight acres from the same company, is also planting the place to prunes. Miss Pearl Dennett, a trained nurse who has been at the Dallas hospital, owns five acres adjoining her father's ranch near Crowley, and is preparing to set the tract to prunes.

In Sympathy With Work.

Mr. Gideon Stolz, who owns and operates a bottling works in Dallas, and whose home is in Salem, sends a subscription to the Commercial club for the present year, saying that he is in sympathy with the club's work and wishing it success in its every undertaking.

Prohi Club Meeting.

The Dallas Prohibition club will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. A program will be rendered at this meeting, consisting of a piano solo, a reading, a recitation and a discussion, "Progress of Prohibition." The meeting will be held at the library and everybody will be welcomed.

Churchill Visits Schools.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, accompanied by County Superintendent Seymour, visited the Dallas high school on Wednesday morning and in the afternoon they went to Falls City.